HB 697 -- SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION

CO-SPONSORS: Mayer, Jolly, Pratt, Merideth, Bringer, Hubbard, Cooper (120), Bruns

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass federal mandate" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 15 to 0.

Current law requires the county sheriff to forward the county's sex offender registration list to the law enforcement agencies of any city, town, or village in the county. This bill requires the list to be forwarded to the law enforcement agency for any college or university located within the county.

The bill also requires sex offenders to include in their registration information whether they are enrolled in a college and to update their registration information within seven days of changing their enrollment or employment with a college within the state.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the state risks losing a significant amount of federal grant money if it does not comply with these new requirements.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Mayer; and Department of Public Safety.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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